



## **South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council** **Meeting Notes - Meeting # 4**

**Date:** October 06-07, 2009

**Place/Time:** Lethbridge Lodge Hotel and Conference Centre

**Next Meeting:** Calgary, November 23-24, 2009

**Attendees:** **Regional Advisory Council (RAC):** Jay Bartsch, Linda Bruce, Stanley Church, Lisa Fox, Wolf Keller, John Kerkhoven, Georgina Knitel, Leah Lawrence, Gord Lehn, Hugh Lynch-Staunton, Ron McMullin, Ralph Nelson, Rob Penny, Greg Sekura, Daniel Smith, John Squarek, Bill Szabon, Kevin Van Tighem

**Regional Planning Team (RPT):** Glen Tjostheim, Doug Olson, Judy May-McDonald, Andrea Dorrans, Richard Roberts, Rob Stuart, Susan Friesen, Ian Dyson, Doug Bowes, Richard Quinlan, Travis Ripley, Meghan Snowdon, Karen Field-Hughes.

### **Introduction**

Mr. Penny welcomed the RAC to another full agenda. The Calgary Regional Municipal Plan has been submitted to the GoA and is being reviewed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Mr. Penny noted that although this plan will have to conform to the final regional plan, the RAC will not be asked to provide advice on this plan.

Although it was intended to present the first modelling run at this session, the initial modelling run was reviewed by the RPT and they found that some assumptions and input data required further review and so amendment. The base case modelling run will be ready for presentation to the RAC at their November meeting.

Mr. Penny reported that the SW Prototype terms of reference have not been signed off yet so they cannot be provided to the RAC yet. In response to concerns raised by the RAC it will no longer be run as a prototype sub-regional planning project; it has been refocused on being a public policy review and assessment project. It will provide public land use policy options and alternatives for consideration by the RAC during the development of their advice for cabinet. It was noted that the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act* was proclaimed on September 30, 2009.

The purpose of this meeting was to:

- Review draft regional vision and outcomes
- Start discussion on regional objectives
- Introduce cumulative effects management, environmentally significant areas, species at risk, and ecological goods and services
- Begin discussions on identification of valued landscapes
- Overview of consultation phase 1 (communities and dates)



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#### **Draft Regional Vision, Outcomes and Objectives**

RAC members once again spent considerable time reviewing and refining important values that need to be captured in the vision for the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan and setting outcomes that would flow from this vision. A draft vision was completed, refinements made to the outcomes drafted at the last meeting and work began on review of the objectives. These will come back for review of RAC at next meeting and once the RAC approves the vision and outcomes they will be forwarded to Cabinet for approval

#### **Presentations and Introduction to Valued Landscapes**

RAC members received presentations on cumulative effects management, environmentally significant areas, species at risk, grizzly bear and ecological goods and services. This information provided them with background and in preparation for a discussion on valued landscapes. There was emphasis that the RAC must be fully engaged in this process and fully able to understand any ramifications of decisions at the local level.

#### **Public Consultation Phase I**

RAC members were informed that the public consultation phase 1 meeting sessions have been reduced from 31 communities to 16. All stakeholders and municipalities will be informed and invited to attend the sessions at the closest location Extensive advertising will also take place to invite the general public. Dates have not yet been confirmed as it is hoped that the schedule can be condensed to a two-week period. RAC members are invited to attend sessions in their areas also.

#### **Closing**

The meeting adjourned Tuesday, October 7th, at 3:50p.m.